

## MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

[December] JUNE in each year. Such fiscal year shall constitute the tax year, the budget year and the accounting year."

SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that section 49 of the Charter be and is hereby amended to read:

"The taxes provided for in Section 53(1) of this Charter shall be due and payable on the first day of July in the year for which they are levied and shall be overdue and in arrears on the first day of the following April. They shall bear interest while in arrears at the rate of [one-half] TWO THIRDS of one per centum for each month or fraction of a month until paid. All taxes not paid and in arrears after the first day of the following January shall be collected as provided in Section 50 (2)."

SECTION 10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that section 56 of the Charter be and is hereby amended to read:

"All purchases and contracts for the Town government shall be made by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Council may provide by ordinance for rules and regulations regarding the use of competitive bidding and contracts for all Town purchases and contracts. All expenditures for supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements, or contractual service involving more than [one] THREE thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) shall be made on written contract. The Clerk-Treasurer shall be required to advertise for sealed bids, in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance, for all such written contracts. Such written contracts shall be awarded to the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid, quality of goods and work, time of delivery or completion and responsibility of bidders being considered. All such written contracts shall be approved by the Council before becoming effective. The Clerk-Treasurer shall have the right to reject all bids and readvertise. The Town at any time in its discretion may employ its own forces for the construction or reconstruction of public improvements without advertising for (or readvertising for) or receiving bids. All written contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the Town may require.

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the date of the passage of this Resolution is July 1, 1974, and the addition to the Charter of the Town of Millington hereby enacted, shall become effective on August 20, 1974, unless a proper Petition for a Referendum hereon shall be filed as provided by Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be